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REMARKS

Claims 1-3 were pending in the application prior to this amendment. Claims 1-3 are canceled herein; new claims 4-23 are added. Accordingly, claims 4-23 will be pending after entry of this amendment. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested.

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I. Rejection of Claim 1-3 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kumagai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,811,086).

Claims 1-3 have been canceled.

II. New claims 4-23

New claims 4-23 have been introduced herein and are fully supported by the originally-filed application with reference, for example, to drawing Figs. 5-15 and to the written specification. No new matter has been added.

New claims 4, 12 and 19 are independent. Each of these independent claims clearly defines over the Kumagai et al. reference applied by the Examiner to reject claims 1-3 (now canceled).

III. Amendments to the Specification

The title has been amended to more closely reflect the subject matter of the new claims. The specification has been amended on page 1 to update the reference to application serial no. 10/819,805.

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In view of the above, all of the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

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